NOTICE OF SHUTOFF ORDER July 2, 2012

TO: <Battle Creek Water Right Holder>

FROM: GARLAND ERBELE, Chief Engineer

SD DENR Water Rights Program

SUBJECT: Battle Creek Water Rights Shutoff Order

Shutoff Order for Water Right Nos. <****>

To protect the senior priority water rights, the department is issuing shutoff orders to Battle Creek water rights. Effective immediately, diversions of water from Battle Creek will not be allowed until further notice.

Flow in Battle Creek has declined to the point where domestic use of water, which includes livestock watering from the river, has become a concern. This order will be rescinded as soon as conditions improve.

If conditions do not improve, this order will remain in effect until **December 31, 2012**.

The USGS maintains a website where you can view real-time stream flow measurements at several sites along the river, the web address is:

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/rt

I am asking for your cooperation in complying with this shutoff order. The ongoing drought is creating hardship for all the water right holders along the creek.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Rath (605-773-3352) or Aaron Tieman (605-394-6831) with the Water Rights Program. Thank you